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Police release suspect description in home burglary cases

Police are warning Hoopeston people to watch their neighborhoods for a woman accused of taking money from elderly people.

The woman is described as being in her forties and approximately 5'6" tall, with brown hair, said police chief Carl Valentine. She usually rides a bicycle, he added.

Approximately \$600 has been taken from three homes. Two incidents were reported June 6, one each in the 400 block of South Sixth St. and the 700 block of East Maple. A third was reported Wednesday by Betty Scott of 618 W. Elm.

In all the incidents, the homeowners were outside doing yard work when the burglaries occurred.

Valentine said the woman was seen behind Scott's house on Tuesday. Picked up for questioning Wednesday, she denied burglarizing the home. However, Valentine said circumstantial evidence makes the woman the primary suspect.

If police are able to prove she is responsible, it will not be the first time the woman has been charged with burglarizing homes. Valentine said the suspect has been convicted of similar crimes and served a three-month sentence. She is currently on probation, he said.

If police are unable to arrest the suspect, Valentine hopes making a description and other information public will stop the crimes. "She'll think twice, I hope, before she goes into another place," he said.

Meanwhile, Valentine is urging residents - especially elderly ones - to be more cautious. "Lock your doors and open your eyes," he said.

Briefly

Rep. Black to speak

State Rep. Bill Black (R-Danville) will speak at the Hoopeston Business & Professional Women's Club meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Crunch's.

Nonmembers who wish to hear Black may make reservations by calling (217) 283-5340 or 283-6429. For those who wish to hear just the program, Black will speak at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Benefit scheduled

A benefit for Frank (Greg) Longfellow Jr., grandson of Frank and Lorene Longfellow, will be held from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday at the Hoopeston VFW.

Scheduled are an auction, with auctioneer Becky Buss, raffle food, entertainment and live music with Full Circle band.

Admission is \$3 for singles and \$5 for couples.

Neighborhood Watch

The Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the Hoopeston municipal building.

The public is encouraged to attend.

Night time sewer flushing

Rossville village workers will begin flushing sewers during late-night hours on a trial basis.

The change is being made to cut down on rust sediment in the system during daytime laundry hours.

Athletic physicals scheduled

Athletic physicals for Rossville-Alvin grades 5-12 will be given July 1 at the high school. Girls' physicals will be given from 9-10 a.m., followed by boys' physicals from 10-11. Cost is \$10.

Anyone with questions may call the high school at 748-6600.

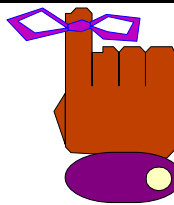
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Court Dispositions



June 5: Brandon Carlin, Kankakee, disobeying a traffic device, pleaded guilty; \$75 total.

Alicia Creek, Cissna Park, speeding, pleaded guilty; \$95, six months court supervision.

Christopher Childress, Earl Park, Ind., speeding, \$75 total; illegal transportation, pleaded guilty, \$75 total.

Richard Dancy, Hoopeston, to pay \$95; failed to appear.

Roger Everhart, Hoopeston, illegal transportation; forfeited bond.

Michael Forshier, Tuscola, improper right turn, pleaded guilty; \$95 total, three months court supervision; uninsured, nolle pros.

Eric Gress, Hoopeston, illegal transportation; \$95 total.

Jason Grove, Hoopeston, complete public service

work; failed to appear.

Jonathon Hutchins, Kentland, Ind., illegal transportation; ex parte judgment.

Tami Brougher, Hoopeston, speeding, \$95, three months court supervision; failure to secure child under four, nolle pros.

Floyd Kinnaird, Rankin, uninsured; failed to appear.

Dawn Lane, Hoopeston, disobeying traffic control device; forfeited license.

Jeremy Motley, Rantoul, disobeying traffic device; forfeited license.

Michelle Miller, Hoopeston, speeding; \$75, three months court supervision.

Daniel Miller, Hoopeston, \$529 due; failed to appear.

Aaron Mehki, Rossville, illegal transportation; \$75 total.



Police News



Brent Burge, of 219 W. Maple, reported Tuesday that someone broke the windshield of his 1987 Chevrolet S-10 pickup truck.

Jason A. Longfellow, 22, of 404 E. Young, was arrested at 10:51 p.m. Tuesday at 824 E. Wyman.

Longfellow, wanted on two Vermilion County misdemeanor warrants, was taken to the Public

Safety Building in Danville in lieu of \$5,000 bond.

A **hit-and-run** accident was reported at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, when an unknown vehicle struck a parked 1995 Ford van in the IGA parking lot.

The van is owned by Allen and Lisa Kinney, 725 W. Washington.

Susan Shane, 1386E 4140N Road, Rankin, reported Wednesday that someone scratched the driver's side, trunk and back right fender of her 1988 Oldsmobile while it was parked in the FMC parking lot in the 200 block of East Maple.

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Last winner: **Quentin Morgan**

Last answer: **William F. Cody was better known as Buffalo Bill.**

In the hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
June 17, 1997

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Gale Hambleton, Hoopeston.

Weather



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